

# Historic Preservation

DUXBURY CLIPPER

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## DUXBURY IS WELL PRESERVED

"Duxbury has an outstanding record in preserving houses but is lagging behind in preservation of areas," Roger Webb, president of Rare Inc., told the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society on Aug. 10.

Mr. Webb, president of Rare Architectural Restorations Enterprise of Cambridge, spoke on "Preservation and Restoration of Early American Buildings."

He urged setting up historic districts to withstand future pressures of urban renewal, eminent domain and government control.

Under state law, once a historic district is created "no building or structure can be erected, reconstructed, altered, restored, moved or demolished without a certificate of appropriateness, which must be approved by the historic district commission."

Mr. Webb said he visited the King Caesar House on Aug. 6 and found it interesting and

the setting outstanding. He said the house shows several architectural periods and has an extremely interesting progression throughout its history.

The front rooms are largely unaltered, he said, and suggested using the altered back rooms for display purposes. Mr. Webb said the barn in back of the house may predate the house itself.

He added, "I hope you take steps toward preserving the area so such an outstanding setting will never be lost."

The historical society pur-

chased the famous 157-year-old house last November with \$70,000 of \$128,000 raised during a four month drive. To date the society has received a total of \$140,000 in subscriptions. Remaining expenditures include an endowment, a facelift, and repairs and maintenance.

The historic building will be used as a museum and headquarters for the society when it occupies the house this fall. The historical society now occupies a house at Washington and St. George Streets.